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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Title: Machine Knife For Trimming Books Or The Like

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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows prior to examination:

**In the Specification:**

**Page 2, please delete the second full paragraph and replace it with the following amended paragraph:**

Basically the blade is made of highly wear-resistant materials, such as special metallic materials. The invention also permits and encourages the employment of other materials, in particular ceramics. In the simplest case the material can be used without a coating, but it can also have a coating, such as a diamond coating. Such materials and material combinations permit great operational dependability and a long service life, wherein the efficiency of the machines can be optimally employed.